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SUBJECT: NEPALESE INTEREST IN AIR DEFENSE EQUIPMENT

1. DEPARTMENT ADVISED BY DOD THAT NEPALESE MILITARY ATTACHE THAPA HAS MADE INFORMAL INQUIRIES ABOUT USG WILLINGNESS SELL RNA AIR DEFENSE EQUIPMENT. THAPA REPORTEDLY SAID INDIA UNWILLING REPLACE RNA'S PRESENT EQUIPMENT.

2. APPARENTLY TWIN 40'S (40 MM. GUN), QUAD 50'S (50 CALIBER MACHINE GUN), AND SMALLER MISSILES SUCH AS RED-EYE INFORMALLY DISCUSSED.

3. WE HAVE DISCUSSED MATTER WITH AMBASSADOR CARGO HERE AND LORTON WILL HAVE FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSIONS WITH CHARGE IN KATHMANDU. INGERSOLL
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